

## **REMARKS**

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2007. Claim 38 is cancelled, claim 1 is amended, and new claims 39 and 40 are added. Claims 1-14, 37 and 39-40 are now pending in view of the above amendments.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

### **I. Allowed Subject Matter**

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6 and 37-38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have rewritten independent claim 1 so as to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 38. As acknowledged by the Examiner, that claim is patentably distinct from the prior art, and is now in a condition for allowance. Moreover, for at least the same reason, claims now depending from claim 1 – namely, claims 2-14 and 38 – are also in a condition for allowance.

Similarly, new independent claims 39 and 40 have been written to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 37 and 6 respectively, including all the limitations of the base claim. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 39 and 40 are now in a condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1-14, 37 and 39-40 are now pending in view of the above amendments, and all are patentably distinct from the prior art. Allowance of each of these claims is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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